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**Cc:** EOC\_Manager,[EOC\_Manager@epa.gov]  
**From:** Lee, Eugene  
**Sent:** Fri 9/11/2015 6:47:04 PM  
**Subject:** Re: New article: WATER POLLUTION: Mine owner accuses EPA of lying about Colo. spill -- Friday, September 11, 2015

Thanks for the clarification!

Sounds like we should just make Nitin and Carolyn aware of the status.

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**From:** StClair, Christie on behalf of EOC Public Information  
**Sent:** Friday, September 11, 2015 2:44 PM  
**To:** Lee, Eugene; Cheatham, Reggie; Irizarry, Gilberto; Woodyard, Josh  
**Cc:** EOC\_Manager,  
**Subject:** Re: New article: WATER POLLUTION: Mine owner accuses EPA of lying about Colo. spill -- Friday, September 11, 2015

All,

Just to make sure we're all on the same page, please continue to refer all media inquiries to the EOC PIO.

For your situational awareness, the below response has been sent to three reporters so far, and was quoted in this EE News piece.

Thanks,

Christie

EOC PIO

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**From:** Lee, Eugene  
**Sent:** Friday, September 11, 2015 2:41 PM  
**To:** Cheatham, Reggie; Irizarry, Gilberto; Woodyard, Josh  
**Cc:** EOC\_Manager;; EOC Public Information  
**Subject:** Re: New article: WATER POLLUTION: Mine owner accuses EPA of lying about Colo. spill -- Friday, September 11, 2015

Below is an EOC and PIO approved response to the Todd Hennis allegations in the subject article.

# Deliberative Process/Ex. 5

Please let us know if more is needed and also if further EOC action is required on this (i.e., will OSWER circle back to Carolyn?).

Eugene

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**From:** Cheatham, Reggie  
**Sent:** Friday, September 11, 2015 2:06 PM  
**To:** Irizarry, Gilberto; Woodyard, Josh; Lee, Eugene  
**Subject:** FW: New article: WATER POLLUTION: Mine owner accuses EPA of lying about Colo. spill -- Friday, September 11, 2015

Can we work this thru HQEOC?

Reggie Cheatham, Director  
Office of Emergency Management  
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**From:** Natarajan, Nitin  
**Sent:** 9/11/2015 1:47 PM  
**To:** Cheatham, Reggie  
**Subject:** FW: New article: WATER POLLUTION: Mine owner accuses EPA of lying about Colo. spill -- Friday, September 11, 2015

Reggie,

Can we draft a response/Q&A to this?

Thanks in advance.

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Nitin Natarajan  
Deputy Assistant Administrator  
Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response  
Environmental Protection Agency  
202-566-0200 Office

-----Original Message-----

From: Levine, Carolyn  
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2015 1:45 PM  
To: Natarajan, Nitin  
Cc: Vaught, Laura; Distefano, Nichole  
Subject: New article: WATER POLLUTION: Mine owner accuses EPA of lying about Colo. spill -- Friday, September 11, 2015

Hi Nitin,

Can you help facilitate a response /Q&A for this?

<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2015/09/11/stories/1060024577>

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